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Dates to Remember

February 22	New Leaders Meeting
February 22	Potluck
February 24	Bus Rally at Lodge
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A New Building Near the Obsidian Lodge

By John Jacobsen

A NEW STORAGE GARAGE HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE LODGE GROUNDS. The Obsidian Board of Directors has given the go-ahead and has created an ad hoc committee to facilitate the planning and construction of the new building. The ad hoc construction committee members are Rob Castleberry, Dan Gilmore, Steve Gunn, Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen, Steve Johnson, and Doug Nelson. If anyone else is interested in joining this committee or becoming involved in possible volunteer construction work on the project, contact me: johnwjacobsen@comcast.net.

The new storage garage will replace two low-ceilinged, dilapidated sheds that are overflowing with Summer Camp gear, grounds equipment/supplies and other odds and ends. It will also house other Summer Camp gear currently stored upstairs in the Lodge where it must be retrieved and restored via the Lodge stairs or a long hike up, around and behind the Lodge. There are also ladders, lumber, a water tank and other things currently stored outdoors which would be stored inside the new building.

The ad hoc committee has met a couple of times so far to deal with preliminary details such as the storage garage's location, general size and layout. Multiple sites were considered and a location to the southeast of the Lodge, south of the lower parking area has been selected because of the ease of access and proximity to the Lodge. The area immediately off the parking pad would require a lot of fill, while a location farther back in the woods (south) and farther from the Lodge would reduce the fill requirements considerably. We are awaiting the costing estimates to help determine the preferred spot for the building. It has been determined that a 24 ft. x 36 ft. building would be needed to handle our current storage needs, provide some work/staging space and allow for future storage needs. The structure will likely have access via a garage door, a front entry personnel door and a separate door for accessing the grounds equipment/supplies.

This will be a significant addition to our property. Because of the likely location near the Lodge, the current thinking is to incorporate elements to the storage garage's exterior so it will be compatible with and look attractive near the Lodge. The type of construction, detailed layout and overall design remain to be determined. The Construction Committee has also tossed around ideas regarding other needed projects that may *possibly* be incorporated into this one such as expansion of the parking area and updating the deteriorating water line into the Lodge.

When we have a pretty good handle on the design, we will see if any of the work could be done by Obsidian volunteers. In the past Obsidians have been ready and willing to provide the sweat equity needed to keep the costs of projects like this in check. Perhaps we will have the opportunity to do it again.

Obituaries

Patricia Kocher McGillivary 1929-2012

FORMER MEMBER PATRICIA (TRISH) KOCHER MCGILLIVARY passed away suddenly on Dec. 21, 2012. Trish joined the Obsidians in 1985 and participated in several activities, including a climb of South Sister, a summer camp, several rafting trips and some hikes. Her late husband, John Kocher, was president of the club in 1989 and Trish made a large donation to the remodeling project in his memory. Trish is survived by her husband, Keith McGillivary, and two sons.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary for Trish can be found in the Dec. 27, 2012 issue of the Register-Guard.

Jean Ridone 1921-2013

JEAN MOVED TO EUGENE FROM CALIFORNIA IN 1988 after retiring as a civil engineer. He was an Obsidian member from 1993 until 2008. During his membership years he chaired the trail maintenance committee and led hikes and cross country ski trips. He received the 25 leader badge in 2005, the first year they were awarded. Jean is survived by his wife, Doris, three sons and step-children.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary for Jean can be found in the Jan. 31 issue of The Register-Guard.

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Honorary Members	5
Junior Members	9
Life Members	16
Total Members	463

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WINTER TRIPS: Anne Bonine-Chair; John Cooper, Judy Terry

FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were Anne Bonine, Wayne Deeter, Patty MacAfee, Lenore McManigal, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, and Sue Sullivan.

The Board approved the minutes of the January 2013 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-versus-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet.

The Board approved payment of the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): The Summer Trips Committee has started accepting trips to be added to the 2013 Summer Trips Schedule. The annual Leader Orientation and Summer Trips Kickoff has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM at the Lodge.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): Winter trips are proceeding very nicely with a good variety of Xski & snowshoeing along with urban hikes. So far this year there have been 25 trips.

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): The dates for the Basic Mountaineering class have been set and the process of publicizing the event has begun. The Committee has decided to include conditioning hikes on the schedule as well as climbs, to encourage people to get in shape for climbing season. There is also discussion about a formal intermediate climb school to be included in addition to the Basic Mountaineering class. Brian Hamilton has kindly agreed to take over the leadership of the Climbs committee in June, as Sue Sullivan will be moving to Bend.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in January. We worked to improve and restore drainage channels on the uphill side of the Ridgeline Trail near the Tie Trail junction. We also added a decorative retaining wall around the base of the junction trail marker/post.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Plans are completed for the Bus Rally on Feb. 24, 1-3 PM at the Lodge. The full 2013 bus trip schedule will soon be available on the website.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): The two trips for May, Owyhee Rafting and Spring Basin, are both filled with wait lists. A new trip will be led by Dan Christensen and Jim Duncan from August 19-22 at the Forest Service's Eight-mile Campground group site 8 miles from Leavenworth, WA.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Lana has made it possible for email notification of future ExploraTalks rather than phone calls.

Publications (Nola Nelson): Despite USPS changes, we encountered no problem mailing the January *Bulletin* with the same folded format we had been using. Many thanks to Lou Maenz and her helpful liaison at the post office.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Ninety-four people attended Bill Sullivan's presentation at the January potluck and amazingly \$94 was collected.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Four new members were approved.

Publicity (Jorry Rolfe): A big thank you to committee chairs for doing their own publicity and articles. Our next meeting will be February 27 at which time the committee will discuss creating an Obsidians meet-up group (online), and the possible acquisition of a digital frame for use in the Lodge and at booth displays.

Concessions (Pat MacAfee): The Concessions Committee placed orders for new items this month and also netted \$21 at the January potluck.

Online (Wayne Deeter): The photo album system now has 379 photos in 48 albums. A few new announcement email lists have been created: explorataalks@obsidians.org for notification of upcoming ExploraTalks and updates@obsidians.org for the Publicity Committee to send weekly updates to members about upcoming activities, recently added trips, special trips and other Obsidian news. trails-list@obsidians.org has been created for use by the Trail Maintenance Committee to share information about upcoming Obsidian outings and other trail maintenance opportunities. Also, a list for cross country skiers (or snow sports in general) will soon be added.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): The Lodge has been reserved for rental for March 9 by the Center for Spiritual Living.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): The current ad hoc construction committee members are Rob Castleberry, Dan Gilmore, Steve Gunn, Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen, Steve Johnson, and Doug Nelson. One grounds committee activity occurred during January, a quick cleanup before the January 15 ExploraTalk presentation.

Safety (Pat Esch): The Outdoor First Aid Course instructed by Laurie Monico with helpers from Willamette Ski Patrol and Eugene Mountain Rescue was a great success!

OLD BUSINESS

Laurel Ridge PUD update: It was agreed that the Obsidians will not join the neighborhood association in its opposition to the project nor will we support them financially.

The February 2013 revision of the Safety Manual was submitted. There will be further discussions of both the Safety Manual and the Obsidian Trip Leader Packet at the March board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion continued regarding guest participation. It seems that for most activities guests are not filling spots thereby preventing members from participating, but this tends to be different for special activities. It is generally felt that members should have priority for these activities and some ways to allow members to sign up before guests were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on March 6 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at La Oficina.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Ski Trips

Marilyn Lakes Loop

January 6, 2013

Leader: Brian Hamilton

Xski: 4.5 miles, 360 ft. (Easy)

TEN OF US DEPARTED FROM THE GOLD LAKE SNOW-PARK shortly before 10:00. The sky was clear and the temperature was close to freezing. It had not snowed for over a week, so conditions were less than ideal, especially for downhill sections of the trail. One skier felt that he was too inexperienced to descend on the Marilyn Lakes Trail and wanted to meet us at the Gold Lake shelter by taking the Gold Lake Road instead. Two others volunteered to go with him so that the rest of us could go on the planned route. Once we started on the Marilyn Lakes Trail we found a hard-packed trench. Instead of making separate tracks, skis and snowshoes had been sharing the same space and there were no ski tracks left. It was also icy in spots, which guaranteed lots of falls. We reached the Gold Lake shelter just before noon, where the rest of our group had been waiting for about 30 minutes. After eating lunch, we made our way back to the snow-park on the Gold Lake Road as planned and arrived back in Eugene by 4:00. Members: Don Cross, Sharon Friedland, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Brenda Kameenui, Harriet Kelly, Becky Lipton, Sue Meyers. Nonmembers: Linda Gilbert, Barbara Dumesnil.

Berley Lakes

January 12, 2013

Leader: Randall Sinnott

Xski: 8 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

THIS WAS A CHARMED EXCURSION IN ALL RESPECTS: sun and blue sky with air temperature cold enough to keep the snow dry. Half a foot of fresh powder covered the generous base. Nine of us set out for Lower Berley Lake at 10:30 following a freshly broken track. We skied north with spectacular views, west to Hogg Rock and the Lost Lake drainage with views behind us of Hoodoo, Hayrick Butte and Mt. Washington. This is a route through the old B&B burn and many natural openings providing non-stop classic vistas. The last half mile enters a deep canyon spared by the fire and harboring many green trees with attendant tree wells. Our lead skiers caught up to the party ahead of us just where, according to the map, a side trail breaks off for Lower Berley Lake. As they continued north to Santiam Lake,

we had our first route finding puzzle. Our maps and GPS indicated the lake 100 yards due west. An easy bushwhack, except that every option seemed to lead through dense clumps of fir, mountain hemlock and pine. We skirted the hummocky stand of conifers around their northern border and followed an open track to a bluff just above the lake. With a sunny perch, sunshine and calm, we had lunch under the spire of nearby Three Fingered Jack. The return ski was all smooth gliding and opportunities to practice some turns under forgiving conditions, and views to the south that included the summit of North Sister. Members: Betty Grant, Brian Hamilton, Steven Johnson, Brenda Kameenui, Randall Sinnott, Chris Stockdale, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Linda Gilbert, Paul Murtaugh.



SnowShoe Trips

Diamond Creek Falls

January 13, 2013

Leader & Photographer: Jim Pierce

SShoe: 5 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)

TEN TENACIOUS TREKKERS braved temperatures and icy roads for a glorious day snowshoeing. We changed the destination from Bechtel shelter to Salt Creek and Diamond Creek Falls. Blue skies and bright sun made the snow covered trees sparkle. The trail was broken all the way, but



there was plenty of eight inch powder to test the snow shoes. Many animals had been jumping around in the powder. We tried to identify the tracks. The waterfalls and streams were bounded by beautiful ice sheets. In all, it was a great day in an idyllic winter wonderland. Members: Jane

Allen, Roberta Chord, Ken DenOuden, Trenton Edwards, Jim Pierce, Jorry Rolfe, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Sally O'Donnell, Cameron Laue, Colin Doyle.

Circle Lake

January 19, 2013

Leader: Chris Stockdale

Combo: 10 miles, 300 ft. (Difficult)

WITH A FORECAST OF HIGHS IN THE MIDDLE 50s, the group opted to use snowshoes for the excursion to Circle Lake. And indeed the weather became so warm that people were wishing they had shorts and tee shirts. But the joy of being in full sunshine after days of freezing fog in the valley overcame any disappointment in the skiing conditions. We headed out the North Loop trail which soon gave us a great view of snow-covered Three Fingerted Jack, and behind us Mt. Washington and North Sister towered into the brilliant blue sky. These views are hard to beat. Because of the warmth, the snow became heavy and very tiring to trudge through, so by the time we reached Circle Lake (about 3 miles in), we all agreed that it was a good turn around spot. We had a delightful lunch spot overlooking one end of the lake, soaking in the sunshine, before heading back to the cars and descending down into the chilly valley. Thanks to Lyndell Wilken and Jane Bartell for driving. Members: Jane Bartell, Daphne James, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Charlie Van Deusen, Lyndell Wilken.



Hikes

Eel Creek

December 2, 2012

Leader: Jane Hackett, Asst: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Julie Dorland

Hike: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

THIS IS THE 28TH TIME JANE HAS LED EEL CREEK. Lucky for us, it is tradition not to cancel no matter what how gloomy the weather report. The hike began at the Eel Creek Campground and the Dellenback Trailhead where we followed the trail through Douglas fir forest to the impressive Umpqua Dunes. Sun, changing clouds and intermittent light rain enhanced the dunescapes on the dunes to the deflation plain. The water was knee deep on the trail through the forest marsh so that many removed their boots and waded to the foredunes. After lunch, we walked a mile or so on the beach but we were forced to retrace our steps when we discovered that the loop trail was now a lake. We did find a Japanese plastic fuel container and later notified the Oregon Beach Debris about its location. One hiker said, "It was ad-



venturous and fun." Not bad for a December coast hike. Members: Wayne Cleall, Julie Dorland, Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen, Beth Roy, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Janel Laidman, Johnny Kilroy, Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau, Lindsey Belleau, Ken DenOuden.

Spencer Butte

December 9, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKE FROM MARTIN STREET UP TO SPENCER BUTTE included picking up a bit of litter, brushing some fir branches off the trail, observing a brown creeper creep up a fir tree until out of sight and listening to a pack of moving coyotes howling. At home, I emailed the City Open Space staff about three trees on the trail. The largest one is near the tree line and will take some work to remove. Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen.

Ridgeline Trail

December 16, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)



THE REASON I LEAD THIS CAR SHUTTLE HIKE so often is because hikers always have positive comments no matter the weather. Here are a few: *I have never hiked all the sections of the Ridgeline Trail. I needed a break from a stressful week at work. I wanted to hike without driving out of town. A morning hike fits my schedule. I wanted to be outside.* We picked up three beer cans, four whiskey bottles, and assorted plastic bottles and still made it back to the cars by noon. Soon to be a member, Janel Laidman took photos of two downed trees over the trail to send to Matt Bell and the Open Space staff. Members: Tiffany Boehland, Lynda Christiansen, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Sandra Larsen, Darko Sojak, Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Janel Laidman.

Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice
December 21, 2012
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Ruthy Kanagy
Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS RAINING LIGHTLY WHEN WE STARTED UP THE TRAIL at 3:40 PM. There was no chance that we would view the sunset. We mingled with a large contingent of ‘noon runners’ who were also celebrating the solstice. On the way down, we appreciated the subdued reddish colors in the



clouds and the moon above us. We reached the parking lot at 5:15 and voted to have pizza at Track Town. Members: Jennifer Baer, Marsha Barr, Jennifer Haynes, Janet Jacobsen, Effie Neth, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Ruthy Kanagy, Carl Hassman, Ken DenOuden, Cynthia Waters.

Three-Mile Lake/Tahkenitch
December 22, 2012
Leader: Becky Lipton
Hike: 6.7 miles, 700 ft. (Moderate)

TWELVE EAGER HIKERS abandoned the Christmas hullaballoo to spend a day in nature and on the beach. The forecast of light drizzle did catch up with us during the last part of

the hike, but by that time we were well sheltered by the high tree canopy. The deep forest of Tahkenitch State Park takes on a mystical and magical quality at this time of year, thus rejuvenating all for a return to the ‘real world’. Members: Mari Baldwin, Don Cross, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Brian Murray, Brian Popowsky, Sarah Praskievicz, Jorry Rolfe, Randall Sinnott, Pat Soussan, Jim Woodard.

Amazon Headwaters/ Raptor Center
December 29, 2012
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Hike: 4 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

NINETEEN HIKERS, INCLUDING FOUR JUNIORS, headed up Amazon Headwaters Trail at 10:00. After completing the Fox Hollow/Dillard loop, some headed back down the trail to the cars. The rest of us ambled over to the Raptor Center where we enjoyed the birds until we were notified that it was time for lunch. First-timers were surprised at the size of the facility and diversity of birds. Next time I will suggest that we bring substantial snacks. I appreciated how everyone worked together to choose the hiking and viewing options. Members: Rick Ahrens, Jane Allen, Norma Bengiat, Roberta Chord, Julie Dorland, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Joella Ewing, Carol Fairbanks, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Tom Musselwhite, Sarah Praskievicz. Nonmembers: Lee Young, Carl Hassman, Mona Bronson, Mark Hougardy, Anna Hougardy.

New Year’s Day Spencer Butte
January 1, 2013
Leader: Janet Jacobsen, Asst: Darko Sojak
Photographer: Ruthy Kanagy
Hike: 2.2 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

THE 5TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR’S SPENCER BUTTE HIKE lucked out again with sun and blue skies. Twenty eight hikers were overjoyed with the spectacular sharp views of the snowy Cascades. “You can see all the way to the tip of Mt. Hood!” was voiced by many. As usual there was confusion



if one can really see Mt. Hood from Spencer Butte. (No, you can't.) Shared snacks and conversation basking in the sun above the clouds was an auspicious way to begin the first day of the year. 2009—7 hikers, 2010—2 hikers, 2011—9 hikers, 2012—21 hikers. Members: Jane Allen, Charles Ashmore, Mari Baldwin, Mary Ellen Baukol, Marianne Camp, Roberta Chord, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Lou Maenz, Effie Neth, Jorry Rolfe, Susan Sanazaro, Diane Schechter, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Ruthy Kanagy, Sandra Kwak, Carl Hassman, Ken DenOuden, Morris Ostrofsky, Mark Hougardy, Jenelle Hassman, Jeffery Ryals, Verlean McCoy, Greg Maenz.

River/Campus Loop

January 4, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

OUR LAYERED CLOTHING FOR A CHILLY START at SEHS gradually was tied around our waists as the day became warmer and sunnier. We ambled downtown to view bronze sculptures and the two Carl Morris murals at the Post Office. We then walked along the river to the campus, making a quick visit to the House of Phineas Gage sculpture in the Straub courtyard. Next stop was the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art to see the Carl Morris exhibit, nine abstract murals on the History of Religions. The artist believed that art should be experienced, not explained. After our 'experience', our need for sustenance stirred us on to Caspian Mediterranean Restaurant for lunch. We felt so lucky to have the sun on our faces for our walk. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Ginny Reich. Nonmembers: Mindy Hollenbeck, Alice Krentz, Libby Bottero.

Sweet Creek Falls

January 5, 2013

Leader & Photographer: Joe Sanders

Hike: 3.5 miles, 350 ft. (Easy)

THE SWEET CREEK FALLS/ALPHA BITS CAFE HIKE began with a good omen: with the exception of just one person who missed a bus, everyone else who had signed up - actually SHOWED UP! We were 'motivationally challenged' at sign-up in the parking lot, with a steady rain, but that was our rain allotment for the day. No rain on the actual hike, despite a warning forecast to the contrary. As a combination of two short hikes, I had us do the shorter but little known Beaver Creek section (1.2 miles, RT) first. This trail did not appear to have had any recent foot traffic. There was a lot of minor blow down to clear, which our younger hikers took on with great enthusiasm! However, having to navigate up and over one huge tree which had blown down some time ago, as well as a precarious section with a narrow, somewhat slippery ledge, leaves me wary to recommend this supplemental option to hikers without poles or experience in navigating more challenging trail



conditions. The primary destination trail, Sweet Creek Falls (2.4 miles) was easy to navigate and, as expected, offered up spectacular fast moving water/water falls of various sizes, as well as lush rock banks and tree trunks with a thick mantle of verdant mosses, various ferns and other rain forest-type greenery. Our hiking experience was enlivened by the presence of Chyanne and Autumn Edwards (ages 10 and 6) who 'allowed' old-timer grandma Roberta Chord to bring them along, and Anna Hougardy (age 11) in the presence of her parents, newcomers Mark and Christiane. At one point, they decided to turn themselves into 'wood nymphs', adorning faces with streaks of mud 'paint' and fern fronds in their hair. Their high spirits and high-jinks were a delightful stimulant for us older psyches. It was a hungry group which finally entered Alpha Bits cafe in nearby Mapleton for lunch sometime after 2 PM. This non-commercial, community based eatery did not disappoint. The wood stove was toasty, and after a healthy, home cooked lunch we were offered a desert of either of two 'experimental' pies they were trying out, that day. On the house—of course! Good value, good attitude, good ambiance. Guess we'll have to do this again! If you're getting out on your own, Sweet Creek hike followed by lunch at Alpha Bits is a winning combination. Members: Roberta Chord, Jane Dods, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Holger Krentz, Joe Sanders. Nonmembers: Janel Laidman, Barbara Gunther, Mark Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Anna Hougardy, Jennifer Rainy, Alice Krentz.

McDowell Creek Falls

January 12, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4.5 miles, 650 ft. (Easy)

OUTFITTED WITH SUNGLASSES AND WARM CLOTHING, waterfall and Mexican food aficionados savored the sunny day. Cameras clicked away at Royal Terrace Falls, Crystal Pool, and Majestic Falls at McDowell Creek Park. We stopped for lunch at Los Dos Amigos Hacienda in Sweet Home where the owner greeted us with chips and salsa. The after-lunch stop was Lower Soda Creek Fall at Cas-

cadia Park. Thanks to Jim Whitfield, our historian, who led us on scenic byways and shared stories from his youth. Check out the Gallery Photo Album on the website to see what you missed! Note: Janel is a new member, Verlean has reinstated and Mark H has sent in his application. Members: Mary Ellen Baukol, Roberta Chord, Janet Jacobsen, Veroni-



ca Karpiak, Holger Krentz, Janel Laidman, Verlean McCoy, Sarah Praskievicz, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Barbara Gunther, Mark Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Anna Hougardy.

Blanton Hts./Ridgeline to Spencer Butte

January 19, 2013

Leader: Betty Grant

Hike: 9 miles, 860 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP OF FIVE—three members and two first-time Obsidian hikers—started with enthusiasm at Blanton trailhead in foggy low 30s weather. Icy trail conditions in the first stretch were not a hindrance as the gravel-covered Blanton path provided good traction. We were not quite so lucky after we crossed Willamette, encountering very slick stretches of trail, requiring some skirting and careful stepping. Nonetheless, blue sky beckoned and to Spencer Butte we aspired. The trail cleared as we neared the meadow junction and was ice-free the remaining way to the Butte. We were rewarded by sunshine, a magical cloud covered valley and inspiring views of the Three Sisters, Jefferson, Washington, and peaks of Three Fingered Jack and Mt. Bachelor. After basking on the summit in the warm sunshine, off we tromped to our starting point. A great start to the weekend! Members: Marianne Camp, Betty Grant, Jennifer Haynes. Nonmembers: Serge Faumont, May Fogg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Still Room on Whaling Boat (March 24)

TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE BOAT, please write a check for \$30, made out to Newport Marina Store and Charters, and send it to Joella Ewing, 2384 Washington Street, 97405, by February 22, after signing up online. See January *Bulletin* for trip details.

Owyhee Raft Trip (May 10-14)

THE OWYHEE RAFT TRIP (SEE JANUARY *BULLETIN* FOR DETAILS) HAS A FULL COMPLEMENT OF BOATERS! So we need to pray for lots of snow over there in Idaho so there is plenty of snow melt to make those rapids big enough for our rafts to fly over.

If you are still dreaming of rafting the Owyhee but woke up too late to sign up and can stand the suspense, you can put your name on the wait list because sometimes there is a cancellation.

Climb School

SPRING TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT MOUNTAINEERING, whether you are learning the basics or refreshing your skills. The Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue will be instructing the fundamentals of rock and glacier travel in the classroom and field sessions of the 2013 Climb School. This entry level course is recommended for anyone interested in participating in a climb where ropes, crampons, or other technical gear will be used to navigate hazardous terrain.

In the first session, Climb School participants will learn basic rock climbing using a fixed line, rappelling, and other fundamentals in the classroom on April 4th. This knowledge will be put to practice at the Skinner Butte Columns, with the choice of the 6th or 7th. The second session will cover roped glacier travel, self-arrest, and other basics of mountaineering in the snow. The snow classroom session will take place April 18th with the follow up field session on the 20th, likely at Santiam Pass. The Obsidians and Eugene

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Mountain Rescue members will be on hand to help you learn knots, give you tips for gear, share stories, and words of advice.

The Obsidians will be hosting graduation climbs for climb school participants to put some of the new skills into practice. The climb fees for the graduation climbs are not included in the climb school cost and the locations will be determined as the Obsidian climb schedule is developed.

The cost of the class is \$50 for Obsidian members or members of Eugene Mountain Rescue, and \$75 for non-members.

Climb School is available for persons in good physical condition and at least 16 years old (or at least 13 years of age if accompanied by an adult).

For more information contact climbs@obsidians.org.

Other News from the Climbs Committee

IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULING CLIMBS, this year the Climbs Committee is adding conditioning hikes to the schedule this spring. Conditioning hikes are designed to help you get into shape for the climbing season. Load up a pack with the gear you would normally take on a climb, put on those climbing boots, and head uphill on one of these conditioners and see whether your climbing muscles still work after months of less strenuous activity! What better way to get ready for the climbing season than joining us for a series of local trail classics. Get valuable feedback on clothing and gear while hiking trails you may never have seen before.

Each spring we offer a course in Basic Mountaineering

to enable people to get the skills needed to participate safely on climbs in alpine environments. Signup for Basic Climb School is currently under way. In addition to Basic Mountaineering, the Climbs Committee is developing a plan and schedule to offer an Intermediate Climb School. While Basic Mountaineering teaches the basic fundamentals of safe alpine climbing, ICS will teach you more advanced skills on rock and ice such as trip planning, route finding, navigation, risk management, anchors, and steep snow and ice.

The Climbs group has an email list available to Obsidian members. The purpose of this list is to give people an opportunity to communicate more easily with others in the Obsidians who identify themselves as climbers. Those who choose to add their emails to the distribution list will be able to send emails to climbers-list@obsidians.org. In order to keep the amount of spam to a minimum, only people whose email is on the list will be able to send emails to this address.

What will this do for us? This means that, for example, when we make a change to the Obsidian climbs schedule we can more easily inform other climbers of the change. For example, if weather and snow conditions look favorable and someone wants to add a climb to the schedule, the word can go out to others fairly easily.

You can sign yourself up to be included on this list. Log on to the members' area of the Obsidians website by clicking on the *Members* link in the blue bar at the left side of the page. Then click *EList Mgmt* to bring up the page that allows you to sign up for the climbers list.

Summer Camp 2013 Trinity Alps July 8-13, 2013 Cost: Members \$165

QUESTION: *What exactly is Summer Camp?*

ANSWER: It's a time to focus on nature, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. No wifi, TV and only 3-4 chores the entire period. All the food you can eat! We provide the ingredients and you prepare your own continental breakfasts and lunches; hot dinners will be catered. A typical day is continental breakfast at 6:45; go hiking with a group at 8:00; back in plenty of time for a shower and 'happy hour'; dinner at 6:30; sit around the campfire or read in your tent; and asleep by 10:00. For more details, ask an Obsidian who has been before; there's a least one on every hike or snow trip.

Q: *Where are the Trinity Alps and which campground will we use?*

A: The Trinity Alps are the snowcapped mountains northwest of Redding, California. This large wilderness area includes peaks ranging from 7,000-9,000 feet, deep glacial

canyons, and spectacular mountain meadows. The wildflowers should be at their peak. We'll be staying in Fawn Group Campground, 14 miles north of Weaverville on Highway 3. The campground has flush toilets and running water. It is on Trinity Lake—you can walk from the campground to go swimming or boating. The reservoir is huge and deep with several 'arms'—think Shasta or Lake Billy Chinook with houseboats and powerboats.

Q. *In past years, there has been limited space for RVs and tent trailers. Is that the case this year?*

A. There is plenty of space for RVs and tent trailers this year. Unlike most summer camps, this campground has 19 numbered sites, each with a picnic table and a parking space. Most of the sites will accommodate two tents, or a tent and an RV. The sites will not be assigned in advance. In addition, there are some open tent areas.

Q. *What's the cost?*

A. The cost per session for adult Obsidian tenters, RVers and children over age 12 is \$165 for 5 days of camping and food—what a bargain! That includes all fees and taxes and

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three healthy, hearty meals per day. The cost for children ages 6-11 is \$85. Children under 6 are free. Non-Obsidians are \$195/100.

Q. *This sounds great! When can I sign up?*

A. Online sign-ups will begin on Sunday, March 17, the day after most Obsidians receive the paper copy of the *Bulletin*. In addition, you will have to complete a paper registration form and mail it along with full payment of \$165 (adults) within five days of signing up. The application will be available online and will also be included in the mailed March *Bulletin*. Additional details regarding the process will be in the March *Bulletin*.

Q. *I have to pay the full payment upon initial registration? Don't we usually pay a non-refundable deposit and then send in the balance later?*

A. Yes, that's been the practice in the past. But many folks forget and have to be reminded about paying the balance, plus it's a lot more work for the Camp Treasurer. So this year, we will pay the amount in full within five days of registering online. If you cancel prior to May 31, the same re-



fund policies we've had in the past will apply, i.e. adults will receive a refund of \$130.

Additional information and the registration form will be in the March *Bulletin*. The 'Camp Rally' is the April 26 potluck.

It's 40 Degrees Outside, but Summer is Coming Soon!

Tom Musselwhite, Summer Trips Committee Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 12 FOR THE LEADER ORIENTATION AND SUMMER TRIPS KICKOFF!

With Winter Trips in full swing, it's hard to imagine that in a few short months the Summer Trips season will be upon us. What? Hot, dusty trails! There's snow in them thar hills! Get in those snowshoe and ski trips while you still can. Winter's wonderland will soon give way to verdant greens.

Leaders! It's time to start planning your Summer Trips now! If you have favorites you want to get scheduled before the rush, send your trip descriptions and info to summertrips@obsidians.org and become eligible for an early bird prize from the Summer Trips Committee at our Leader Orientation and Summer Trips Kickoff. This year the annual event will be on March 12, 6:30 PM at the Lodge. Please

plan to attend if at all possible and pick up your new Trip Leader's Packet. It's also a great time to share experiences, ask questions, and offer new ideas. The munchies are usually great too and we plan to have some terrific door prizes. It may be the last chance for a fire in the fireplace before next winter's chill sets in.

Summer Trips include all hikes, bikes, backpacks, canoe, kayak, rafting, bird-watching, nature walks, urban hikes, and trail runs from April 1 through November 15. If we don't hear from you beforehand, Summer Trips Committee members will start contacting leaders on March 1. Get your trips scheduled early and get the dates you want. Scheduling late often results in schedule conflicts. Enjoy the remainder of winter, and schedule your Summer Trips today!

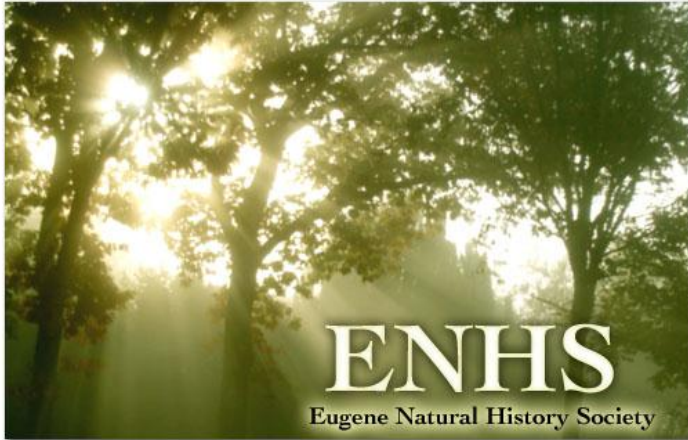
Questions? Email summertrips@obsidians.org with all summer trips inquiries or scheduling requests, or call Tom at 461-3296.

DON BALDWIN, A MEMBER OF OBSIDIANS AND OF THE ACOUSTIC STRING BAND, **BIGFOOTLANE**, could be the world's tallest mandolin player. If you didn't hear the ensemble at the December Holiday Luncheon at the Obsidian Lodge, visit their website (bigfootlane.com) to listen to snippets from all 14 songs on their first CD, *Across The Tracks*, officially released January 5. For purchasing information, you can call 334-4444. You can also find a list of their upcoming performances on the website. They will be at South Town, February 23 at 1:30.

Bob Foster raves, "This is an absolutely wonderful recording filled with warm tones that everyone will enjoy. You can hear Don sing solo on three of the cuts, *Drinking Champagne*, *Sweet Sue*, *Just You*, and *Good Woman's Love*. Everyone needs to buy a copy."

Bob Foster and Janet Jacobsen

Other Organizations



All events are free at 7:30 PM in Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus

Friday, February 15:

A program on the largest tidal marsh restoration in Oregon to date. Roy Lowe, project Leader for the Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, guided this restoration to improve estuarine health for the benefit of a wide array of fish, wildlife and invertebrates. Roy is a fine naturalist and will captivate your interest with both his photography and stories of the Bandon project, completed in September, 2011.

Friday, March 15:

If you like plants and plant communities, come hear Gail Baker's presentation, *A Plant Ecologist's Dream Trip: The Floral Diversity of Australia*. Her pictures of the flora and knowledge of the landscape might encourage all of us to check out a botany class at Lane Community College where Gail is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology. Gail traveled to Southwest Australia Floristic Region (SWAFR) because of its reputation for exceptional plant diversity. She wasn't disappointed.

Disciples of Dirt

THE DISCIPLES OF DIRT (DOD), A EUGENE MOUNTAIN-BIKING CLUB, have extended an invitation to the Obsidians to help work on the Goodman Creek/Eagles Rest trail Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24 from 9 AM to 3 PM. They will meet at the Hardesty Trailhead parking lot at mile post 20.96 on Highway 58 at 9:00 AM. An earlier session was held the first weekend in February.

The DOD are working with the Greater Oakridge Area Trail Stewards (GOATS), and the National Forest Service.

The UO Outdoor Program is also going to participate. There will be enough tools for at least 50 people each day. The planned work includes fixing areas of poor drainage, repairing damaged trail where a couple of tree root wads have fallen, tread work, and brushing.

If you are interested in participating or want more information you can contact: Shawn Litson, 517-6722 or sslitson@gmail.com.

Matt Bell, Trail Maintenance Chair

History Note: Goodman Creek/Eagles Rest Trail has been a popular hike for Obsidians. In the 1980s, Helen Smith led Obsidian trail maintenance projects for the Ash Swale Shelter and Eagles Rest Trail. She and Mary Bridgeman volunteered many hours working for Lowell and Blue River Districts of the Willamette National Forest under their Volunteer Program. Helen completed 700 activities with the club. In 1986 she was nominated by the US Forest Service as Volunteer of the Year.

Helen said, "I find that there is a great deal of satisfaction derived in walking a trail that I helped build and maintain."

For more information see the online March 2009 Bulletin.

Janet Jacobsen



WILLAMETTE RESOURCES & EDUCATIONAL NETWORK (WREN) WILL BE LEADING WETLAND WANDERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WREN Wetland Wanders are casual walks through various West Eugene wetlands sites each second Tuesday of every month.

February 12, Willow Creek Natural Area (west): meet at the vehicle turnout on W. 18th Ave. between Willow Creek Road and Bertelsen Road.

March 12, Meadowlark Prairie: meet at the parking area located on Greenhill Rd, north of West 11th Ave.

April 9, Stewart Pond: meet at the Stewart Pond Overlook, east of the intersection with Bertelsen Road on Stewart Road.

WREN WILL ALSO BE HOSTING ITS FIFTH SERIES OF FAMILY EXPLORATION DAYS (FED) IN THE WEST EUGENE WETLANDS. Participants will be able to catch insects, investigate plants, watch wildlife, and enjoy experiential learning in nature. Participants are invited to bring a

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picnic lunch, water and should wear sturdy shoes.

March 16 – Meadowlark Prairie: meet at the parking area located on Greenhill Rd, north of West 11th Ave. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

April 13 – Stewart Pond: meet at the Stewart Pond Overlook, east of the intersection with Bertelsen Road on Stewart Road. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information about WREN check their website at www.wewetlands.org or call 338-7047. All events are free and open to the public.

Nearby Nature Spring New Volunteer Orientation



LOVE NATURE? ENJOY KIDS? Learn all about leading spring school nature walks in Alton Baker Park, as well as other Nearby Nature volunteer opportunities, on Tuesday, March 12, from 6:30-8 PM in the Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library. No experience needed—training provided in April.

Questions? Call Nearby Nature at 687-9699, email info@nearbynature.org, or see www.nearbynature.org.

Nature Guide Training at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



INTERESTED IN HELPING TO BRING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF OBSIDIAN HIKERS AND LEADERS?

Spend one spring morning a week leading K-5 grade students on interactive nature walks at the Arboretum that reconnect kids with nature.

Free training. No experience required.

Come to an orientation at Morse Ranch Family Farm, 595 Crest Drive, Eugene, on Wednesday, March 13, or Tuesday, April 2, 6:30-8 PM. For more information: 747-1504, education@mountpisgaharboretum.org.

A Real Pain in the You-Know-What!

Becky Lipton, Master of Physical Therapy

I WAS ASKED TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT STRETCHING THE PIRIFORMIS MUSCLE, a deep muscle in the buttock. When overly tight, the piriformis muscle can provoke sciatic pain or provoke pain across the lateral hip and thigh. Muscle imbalances can lead to pain and serious injury if not corrected in a timely manner. And it is common to develop muscle imbalances when a person over trains some muscles without cross training complementary muscles. Lack of stretching can also contribute to creating muscle imbalances. I am presenting two hip stretches that may be helpful in restoring balance and comfort to your hips and legs. Both of these stretches protect the spine and are performed while lying on your back.

Start with your knees bent and feet on the floor. The piriformis stretch involves placing the right ankle across

the left knee, then pulling that left knee towards your chest with your hands or a belt. You will feel the stretch across the right buttock, side of your hip and outside of the thigh. Hold 30 to 60 seconds and repeat as needed to release tension. Stretch each hip in this fashion.

The second stretch is for the hip external rotators and begins the same way - on your back with knees up and feet on the floor. Pull one knee towards your chest and to the opposite shoulder. Again feel the stretch across the buttock, side of your hip and outside of the thigh. Hold 30 to 60 seconds. Repeat with each leg.

The low back and hips are complex. This article is focusing on only a tiny portion of possible stretches and issues involving this area. If you are having pain that is not resolving in the low back, hip or leg, a thorough evaluation is recommended by a physical therapist or other appropriate healthcare practitioner.

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, February 22, 6 PM

Walking Tours of England

HIKING IN ENGLAND IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENTURE. Your route on 'public footpaths' often takes you across grassy sheep meadows, barnyards or through cultivated fields. You may encounter the remains of an ancient Roman road, or walk on medieval paths in the footsteps of 11th century monks. It's not unusual to come upon a castle or the remains of an old abbey, and occasionally, petroglyphs or hillside chalk carvings from the Bronze Age. Along the way, you may visit a tin mine, come across the home of a famous author or see a church door that inspired JRR Tolkien, and end up in a quaint English village where a pint of ale at the local pub brings the day's activities to a glorious end!

Jim Duncan will talk about two Elderhostel hiking trips he and Sharon have taken to England. The first was to the rugged hills of the Lake District, perhaps the most beautiful area of England, and the North Yorkshire Moors National Park, where they hiked over heather-covered moors and along the North Sea Coast on the Cleveland Way. On the second trip in September 2011, accompanied by Kathy Hoeg, they hiked in the picturesque Cotswolds region dotted with historic villages such as Chipping Campden and Stow-on-the-Wold, then traveled down to the southwestern corner of England to hike the rugged coastline of Cornwall, home of the King Arthur legend (and the Doc Martin television series).



February Potluck

Friday, February 22, 2013

Social hour, 6 PM Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM

Obsidian Lodge

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with plates, utensils and cups...

plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.



Sunday February 24, 1 PM

Bus Rally

ON FEBRUARY 24 FROM 1 PM TO 3 PM AT THE LODGE, the bus committee will share details of the 2013 bus trips, and registration will be open. Ten trips are scheduled, and the year will conclude with our 3rd annual Christmas holiday luncheon at the Lodge in early December. Some of the fun trips planned for this year are: Eagles and other birds, Klamath Falls; High Tea at Lovejoys, Florence; The Cheese, beer and wine-making facilities at Oregon State University, Corvallis; Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens and The Grotto, Portland; Waterfalls of the North Umpqua; Coos Bay Historical and Maritime Museum, Birds and Mammals of the Oregon Coast; Ashland Shakespearean Theater; Late summer BBQ at Paradise Campground on the McKenzie River; Annual Fall Color

Trip; Oregon Hatchery Research Center, Alsea.

The extended bus trip will be August 5 to 10, and includes the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center near Baker City. Then on to the Wallowa Mountains and the Mt. Howard Tram. Then on to Enterprise, Joseph, and Clarkston, WA, to board a jet boat for a day ride up the Snake River Canyon. After that, the bus trip will go to the Whitman National Historic Site, Walla Walla, the Pendleton Underground and more. A complete schedule with trip details will be available at the Rally. Our luxury motor coach is high enough for great views. It is a great way to travel. Please join us at the Rally, and sample some goodies, which the bus committee is famous for.

First Time Trip Leaders Meeting

OBSIDIAN LODGE BOARD ROOM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 5:00 PM (BEFORE THE POTLUCK)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING AN OBSIDIAN TRIP? What are the qualifications? How can we help? We will present some of the things you need to know to share your favorite outdoor trail with others.

We will have handouts, tips, and lots of encouragement to help you plan for your first lead. Our club needs your skills and enthusiasm! It would be helpful if you would sign up online. If you have any questions about the meeting or if the time doesn't work for you, contact Janet Jacobsen jbjacobsen@comcast.net.



Classifieds

For Sale

Sporthill black cross country ski pants:

Women's medium: \$30 / Men's medium: \$30

Call: Jan or Rich Anselmo at 782-2369

Or email: jananselmo@earthlink.net

Alpine Back Country XC Ski package:

Boots size 48-50 and poles and skis size 185cm: \$50.

Call Richard at 933-5542

Obsidian Calendar

February

16 Sat	Diamond Creek Falls SShoe M Pierce	344-1775
12 Tue	Jo Ann and Lorin Lakes Xski D Anselmo	782-2369
18 Mon	Eagles N More Bus Ahrens	689-3996
22 Fri	1st Time Leaders Meeting Jacobsen	343-8030
22 Fri	Walking Tours of England	Potluck
23 Sat	Sand Mountain Lookout Xski D Miller	484-4586
24 Sun	Gold Lake Xski E Cooper	344-8517
24 Sun	Byways by Bus Rally Reanier	687-1925

March

02 Sat	Heceta Head Lighthouse Hike M Soussan	345-3046
03 Sun	Ridgeline Trail Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
05 Tue	Tait's Trail Rosary Lakes SShoe M Wilken	343-8030
06 Wed	North Fork Trail Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
09 Sat	Berley Lakes Xski M Miller	484-4586
09 Sat	Spirit, Moon & Pinard Falls Hike E Jacobsen	343-8030
16 Sat	Fawn Lake Xski D Sinnott	915-0234
22 Fri	The State of Determination	Potluck
23 Sat	Walk, Wine And Dine Hike E Ledet	683-2603
24 Sun	Whale Watch Tour Boat Ewing	344-9197

The Bulletin Welcomes Volunteers!

LIKE TO EXERCISE YOUR SKILLS AS A WRITER? Journalist? Artist? Check out the Bulletin team trips!

We can use people willing to invest a few hours a month. Proofreading, editing, writing articles... You can work from home, interview interesting people, or join us for monthly work sessions. Just send a message to bulletin@obsidians.org



For the Love of Mud—Trail Running!

WHY STAY DRY WHEN YOU CAN GET WET AND MUD-DY? Getting used to seeing the same trails again and again? Wonder why trail running is so popular? Grab your shoes and join us every Wednesday evening for a trail adventure. We will visit every local trail with any elevation gain and/or view worth getting muddy for. Every week will be a different route and will start off mild and progress to full on adventure. We will cover every possible loop on both Mt. Pisgah and Spencer Butte.

If you can jog around the neighborhood, you will be able to run trails. Everybody is welcome. Mostly jogging, some speed hiking up the steeps, and loads of satisfaction

once you get back. Definitely addicting. Led by Dave Beardsley who started the trail running program for the Mazamas in Portland.

For more information contact Dave at 357-0630.





Photo by Darko Sojak of Spencer Butte on New Year's (See report on page 7)

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